



Army demands legal action against Imran's accusations

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Army demands legal action against Imran Khan. The Pakistan Army vehemently refuted Friday's claims made against the institution by [Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf \(PTI\)](#) Chairman Imran Khan, and it asked the federal government to take legal action against individuals guilty of falsely disparaging the institution and its officials.

[Imran Khan](#), a former prime minister, claimed on Friday that three people—including Shehbaz Sharif, the interior minister, Rana Sanaullah, and a senior Pakistani Army officer—had conspired to assassinate him. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) issued a press release in which it stated: "Keeping this in view, the govt of Pakistan has indeed been requested to conduct an investigation and activate legal action against those willing to take responsibility for defamation and baseless allegations against the organization and its officials with no actual proof what so ever and." No one would be permitted to disparage the institution or its soldiers without repercussions, according to the statement. The statement went on to say that the chairman of PTI's "baseless and irresponsible claims against the institution and notably a senior army officer is utterly inappropriate and uncalled-for."

The media wing of the military claimed that the Pakistan [Army](#) takes great pleasure in being a highly professional and disciplined institution with a strong and highly effective internal accountability system applied across the board for any illegal activities, if any, perpetrated by uniformed troops. "However, the institution will protect its officers and troops no matter what if the honor, safety, and prestige of its rank and file are being damaged by vested interests through spurious claims."

It said, "The unfounded accusations leveled today [by Imran Khan] against the institution/officials] are deeply unfortunate and strongly rejected. Nobody will be permitted to disparage the organization or its soldiers without consequences.

On Friday, Khan said in a televised speech from the hospital that he had already been informed of the impending threat and had learned that there was a plan in place to assassinate him "somewhere between Wazirabad and Gujrat." Khan asserted that "three persons"—[Rana Sanaullah](#), Shehbaz Sharif, and an army officer—"made a plan to assassinate me once they noticed the number of people in my lengthy march was geometrically expanding." Additionally, he exhorted his supporters and party members to keep holding demonstrations against the aforementioned people. Khan said, "Continue your protest against these three people until they resign from their positions."

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